

Sincerely,

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From: pat@patandmikestravel.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Fri, Apr 25, 2003 2:31 PM
Subject: Preserve Media Diversity: Keep the FCC Rulemaking an Open Process

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To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, Apr 25, 2003 6:52 PM
Subject: Stop the over-consolidation of media

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From: Lori Hines
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, Apr 25, 2003 7:19 PM
Subject: FCC's broadcast media ownership rules

Re: In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review - Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

Dear Honorable Chairman and Commissioners:

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Thank you,

Lori Hines
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From: jcwolff@yahoo.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, Apr 25, 2003 7:21 PM
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cc:
Senator Mitch McConnell
Senator Jim Bunning
Representative Ernie Fletcher

From: ray schnarrs
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, Apr 25, 2003 7:49 PM
Subject: June 2,2003 vote

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cc:
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Representative Tom Lantos

From: cheyenne@d-web
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, Apr 25, 2003 8:37 PM
Subject: Stop deregulation

Dear Chairman Michael K. Powell

Regarding the upcoming FCC vote, further consolidation of the media in the false name of "deregulation" must be halted and in fact reversed. TV and radio news in the hands of a handful of profit-driven corporations has undermined our democracy more than any other modern force except the high cost of broadcast commercials during elections. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide crucial unbiased information to the public about most public issues, most notably the drive to war in Iraq. As an American concerned about our democracy, I call on you to break up the media conglomerates, to open the spectrum to a wide diversity of organizations and independent journalists, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine.

Thank you,

Cheyenne Vogel

From: Connie@joywithchildren.com
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Representative Anna Eshoo

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Senator Barbara Boxer
Representative Mike Thompson

From: Jay Rudko
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, Apr 25, 2003 10:08 PM
Subject: Deregulation

Dear Commissioner Powell,

I'm a former radio person. I mention that because I'm concerned about what has happened to the radio industry since deregulation was enacted. I understand you want to further loosen the reigns, and I don't think that's such a good idea. The result of deregulation has been that a few companies have made it their mission to take over as many stations in as many markets as they can snap up.

Why, you ask, is this so bad? Let's look back before the industry was deregulated. Each company could own one AM, and one FM, in a given market. There was a more competitive spirit, which made radio more interesting to listen to. Each company had to really work to sell advertising, meaning that they had to offer a product people would want to support.

Friendly rivalries between stations with similar formats abounded. It all made for something more fun to listen to.

Enter deregulation. Companies like Clear Channel began sucking up stations like a vacuum cleaner. Many really good radio people lost their jobs as a result of companies having a few announcers handling the chores for several stations. A recent trend is for a jock to do voice-tracking for stations in markets other than their own. This resulted in more losses of jobs. When one company owns the lion's share of stations in a given market, it's as if they only have to compete with themselves. What this means to listeners is that they have less freedom of choice, and the formats these stations from Company CC become lackluster and boring. But because they dominate the market, there's really not a whole lot of choice for the listening public.

I know you've listened to the arguments, both pro and con, on this issue. We, the

listeners, are the ones who stand to lose.

And those of us who have worked in the industry, and have lost our jobs as a result, rubbing salt into the wound just makes us more bitter. I loved working in radio, and the likelihood of ever doing that again is very low. Radio used to be fun. Now, I can't bear to listen. Thank God for Sirius. At least Clear Channel has no connection to them!

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